

# Superior Court Judge

## Kristen C. Stohler, Third Judicial District



**MAILING ADDRESS:** c/o Palmer Superior Court  
435 Denali Street  
Palmer, AK 99645

**AGE:** 48

**PLACE OF BIRTH:** Burlington, Vermont

**SPOUSE'S NAME:** Lyle

**LENGTH OF RESIDENCY IN ALASKA:** 16 years

**ALASKAN COMMUNITIES LIVED IN:**  
Palmer, 2006 to present

**EDUCATION:**  
Essex Junction Educational Center, High School Class of 1992  
University of Vermont, B.S. Political Science, Class of 1996  
Vermont Law School, Juris Doctor, Class of 2006

**POLITICAL AND GOVERNMENT POSITIONS:**  
Assistant Public Defender, 2006-2007  
Guardian ad Litem, 2007-2008  
Superior Court Judge 2019-present

**BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS:**  
Law Office of Gregory S. Parvin, 2008-2011  
(Associate Attorney)  
Stohler Law, P.C., 2011-2019

**SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS MEMBERSHIPS:**  
Mat-Su Valley Rebuild, Board Member

**SPECIAL INTERESTS:**  
Gardening, Cooking, Fishing, Skiing, Shooting, Camping

**OTHER:**  
I moved to Alaska in May 2006 after I graduated from law school. I met my now husband in the hallways of the Palmer Courthouse. We have lived and worked in Palmer since 2006. We have two labs who love to play in the Alaskan outdoors.

**STATEMENT:**  
I was appointed to the Palmer Superior Court in 2019. I knew this position would be challenging, given that Palmer judges have the highest caseloads in Alaska, a fact complicated by the pandemic and the significant structural damage suffered by our courthouse after the January 2022 windstorm. I have worked to adopt more efficient practices to address timeliness issues in Palmer, and to adapt our procedures to ensure access to our court even in these difficult times.

All of the Superior Court Judges in Palmer have a mixed caseload, meaning we handle child custody and divorce matters, Child-in-Need-of-Aid cases, felony-level criminal matters, and other miscellaneous civil cases. I believe strongly in being prepared in advance of all of my hearings so I have an understanding of the applicable law and the issues at hand. I strive to ensure that all parties have an opportunity to provide me the information I need to best understand their position and to make an informed decision. I am exceedingly grateful to live in and serve the Mat-Su Valley community.

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# Alaska Judicial Council Evaluation

## *Judge Kristen C. Stohler, Palmer Superior Court*

The Alaska Judicial Council finds Judge Stohler met or exceeded performance standards, and recommends a **“YES”** vote for another term in office

Judge Stohler was appointed to the Palmer Superior Court in April of 2019. Judge Stohler handles civil and criminal cases. This is her first retention evaluation.

**Summary:** After conducting its performance review, the Judicial Council determined that Judge Stohler met or exceeded performance standards on all criteria, including legal ability, integrity, impartiality/fairness, temperament, diligence, and administrative skills. The Council further concluded that Judge Stohler complied with judicial ethics standards.

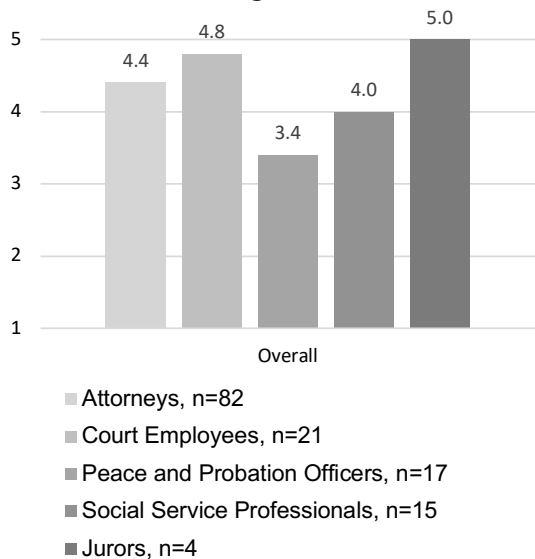
The Alaska Judicial Council therefore **recommends a “yes” vote** to retain Judge Stohler in office.

**Survey ratings:** Attorneys and social services professionals who appeared before Judge Stohler gave her excellent reviews, as did court employees. Peace and probation officers who appeared before Judge Stohler gave her good ratings. Jurors rated her very highly. One juror commented, “I really do not [have any suggestions]. She did an excellent job.” The chart shows some of the survey ratings received by Judge Stohler. Complete survey ratings are available at [www.ajc.state.ak.us](http://www.ajc.state.ak.us).

**Professional activities:** The Council’s review of Judge Stohler’s professional activities showed significant contributions to the administration of justice and her community. Judge Stohler made contributions in the areas of committee and working group service, community outreach and involvement. A detailed list of Judge Stohler’s professional and community activities is posted at [www.ajc.state.ak.us](http://www.ajc.state.ak.us).

**Other performance indicators:** The Council reviewed other performance indicators for Judge Stohler, including financial and conflict of interest statements, whether pay was withheld for an untimely decision, how often parties disqualified her from cases, and appellate reversal rates. Judge Stohler performed well in these areas.

### Justice System Professionals' Survey Ratings for "Overall" Job Performance for Judge Stohler



Rated on a scale from 5 (excellent) to 1 (poor)

\*Judges are rated by different groups depending on caseloads.

Find this judge’s full performance evaluation at [www.ajc.state.ak.us](http://www.ajc.state.ak.us)